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In your attempts to survive
a client says
you're industrious and you say no

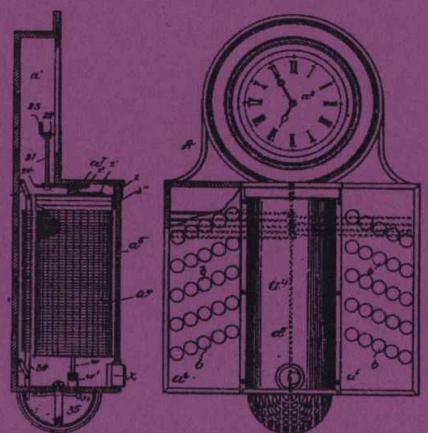
Full war
for the sex workers against work

The chorus joins in:

Every time we fuck we are saying we will not punch a clock.
Every time we fuck our body belongs to us even if we're paid.
Every time we fuck we win.
Every time ends this garbage testimony that bleeds us—
The trick of every public face
Every media image
Every death, a statistic
Every execution, a spectacle
A list of names on a wall without faces

Instead, the work of sabotage
Espionage
Every smile, a cover-up
Every kiss, in collusion
Every girlfriend, a sleeper

We say tonight is a great night to refuse death in the veils of power



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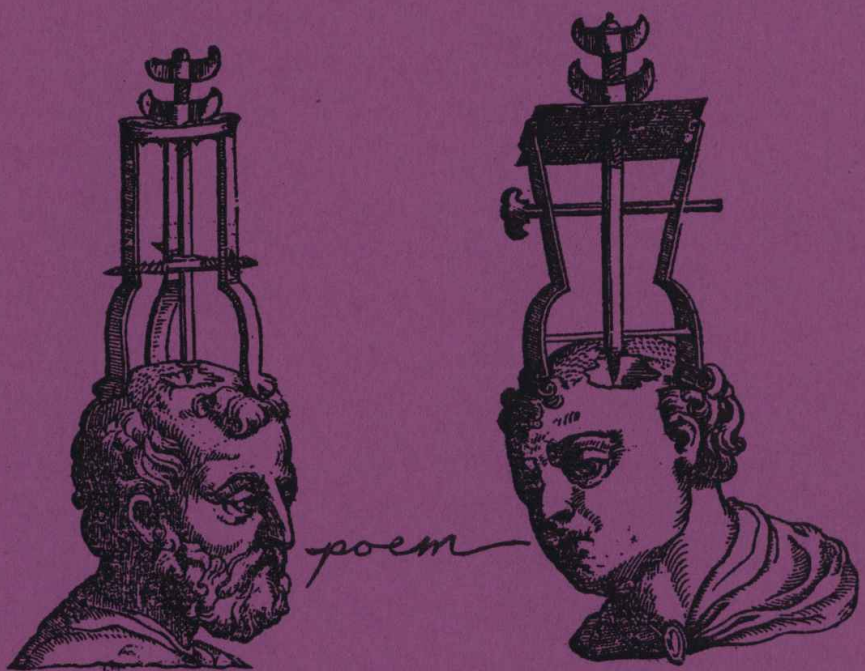

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